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## Editor's Notes

Personal matters have occupied much of your editor's time and energy over the past several months, and I regret that much of New Amberola's business has been neglected as a result. A special word of thanks goes to those customers who have waited patiently for an inordinate amount of time to receive back issues. Your patience has been greatly appreciated, and you will receive all missing issues; it's just a matter of time.

Due to a peculiar set of circumstances, many of them unforeseen, 1984 has become a year of self-evaluation, decision, and perhaps change for your editor. Some changes may be insignificant; others substantial. However, nothing will be done hastily or without a great deal of consideration. If the GRAPHIC should fall victim (which is not likely, but also not impossible), every subscriber and advertiser will be reimbursed. Be assured, though, that there will be an issue #49 - and in just two months!

With this issue, we veer from our usual format by offering several different articles all related to one topic: The Duplex Phonograph and Kalamazoo records. Several of our usual features will return in this summer's issue.

- M.F.B.



## OBITUARIES

### Smith Ballew, 82

Was bandleader, movie singer

Fort Worth, Texas (UPI) -- Funeral services were conducted today for former movie singing cowboy and bandleader Smith Ballew.

Mr. Ballew, who had lived in Fort Worth since 1952, died Wednesday at age 82 in a hospital in Longview in East Texas of undisclosed causes. He had broken a hip in a recent fall at his Fort Worth apartment and went to Longview to be cared for by his daughter.

Mr. Ballew recorded extensively in the late 1920s and early 1930s with several orchestras as well as his own Smith Ballew Orchestra.

In the mid-1930s, he found a new career as a singing cowboy in movie westerns. He appeared with Gene Autry in "Gaucha Serenade" and in "Roll Along Cowboy," "Western Gold" and "Hawaiian Buckaroo."

Mr. Ballew retired from show business during World War II to work in an aircraft factory on the West Coast and moved to Fort Worth to work for a defense contractor 32 years ago.

In addition to his daughter, he is survived by two brothers.

(The Boston Globe, May 4, 1984,  
courtesy of Bill Bryant)

### Anna Case

Anna Case, a former Metropolitan Opera soprano who sang one of the leading roles, that of Sophie, in the first American production of Richard Strauss's "Der Rosenkavalier" at the Metropolitan Opera House on Dec. 9, 1913, died after a long illness Saturday, January 7 in her apartment in the Stanhope Hotel in Manhattan. She was 95 years old.

Miss Case made her debut as a coloratura soprano at the Metropolitan on Nov. 20, 1909, as a page in Wagner's "Lohengrin." Miss Case was then said to be the only American singer without European training who had been accepted by the Metropolitan Opera. She also sang in Bizet's "Carmen," Verdi's "Aida," Smetana's "Bartered Bride," Gluck's "Orfeo ed Euridice" and appeared in Mozart's "Magic Flute" in the 1912-15 seasons. Miss Case also sang in the Metropolitan's revival of Weber's "Freischutz" on March 11, 1910, and in the American premiere of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov," March 19, 1913. She made her last appearance at the Metropolitan at a Sunday concert in the 1919-20 season.

Thereafter, she gave concert recitals in the United States and abroad, averaging 50 to 60 engagements a year.

After her marriage on July 18, 1931 to Clarence H. Mackay, a music patron, who was then chairman of the board of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation, Miss Case formally announced the end of her concert career. However, she occasionally sang thereafter at small recitals as Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay. Mr. Mackay died in 1938.

She is survived by two stepchildren, Ellin Mackay Berlin of Manhattan, who is the wife of Irving Berlin, the songwriter, and John W. Mackay of Locust Valley, L.I., and nine step-grandchildren.

(New York Times, January 10, 1984)

Our thanks to several readers, especially Henry Shaw, for the information about Anna Case. The obituary neglected to mention that Miss Case made a number of recordings for Edison, as well as a few for Columbia. Anna Case was also undoubtedly the last surviving artist to have made wax records, having begun her recording career in 1912 with Edison Amberol Records.

### 78 RPM Turntables

In our last issue, Edward Bilderback asked where he could obtain a turntable with a 78 r.p.m. speed. Reader Roger Ledford comes to the rescue with not one, but a list of several different models and suppliers' addresses:

Broadcast Electronics - model 12C  
4100 North 24th St.  
Quincy, IL 62301

Lenco - Models L-75S, B-55A, L-78S  
Benjamin Electropducts, Inc.  
75 Austin Blvd.  
Commack, NY 11725

Technics - Models SP-15 and SP-10 MK11A  
Technics  
One Panasonic Way  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Thorens - Models GD115 and GD126  
Edicure Products, Inc.  
25 Hale Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950

He also advises that collectors can contact the following for cartridges and styli specifically designed for 78 reproduction:

Owl Audio Products  
P. O. Box 616  
Ansonia Station  
New York, NY 10023

Expert Pickups  
P. O. Box 3  
Ashted, Surrey KT21 1QD  
England  
(see their ad in this issue)

### CLUB & SOCIETY NEWS

Members of The New England Society for the Preservation of Recorded Sound are urged to return the questionnaire they received to the secretary as soon as possible. This is vitally important, as we would like to resume our meetings if at all possible.

The Michigan Antique Phonograph Society is busy preparing for their annual "Phonovention" at the Doherty Hotel in Clare on August 10 and 11. They even had their own float in Clare's St. Patrick's Day parade to publicize it! For more information, contact Dolores Osborne, 2515 Lansing Road, Route #7, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Several items of interest to record collectors and librarians were announced at the national conference of The Association for Recorded Sound Collections, held in early April in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The 1984 conference was hosted by the Sound Recordings Archives at Bowling Green State University, which specializes in the study of American popular culture. No records are bought or sold at ARSC conferences; instead, participants are offered a wide variety of presentations and discussions on all sorts of records. Among this year's subjects were the recordings of Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowski, Duke Ellington, the Ziegfeld Follies and early minstrel shows, "Cats in Music," Jewish records, the first Columbia disc records (1901), recordings of Shakespeare, the automation of public record archives, and a presentation of "Soundies"--jazz and popular musical film shorts of the 1940s.

For more information about ARSC, contact: Tom Owen, P. O. Box 3054, Linden, NJ 07036.



# A city slicker finds 'The Old Homestead' delightful

Tim Brooks

"Why," my friend asked, "would someone from New York City drive 250 miles into the country to watch a bunch of New Hampshire townspeople put on a 100-year-old play in a pine grove?"

It was not easy to explain. Broadway was certainly closer, and it currently boasts everything from "Annie" to "Oh! Calcutta." But Swanzey had "The Old Homestead," and that was something else entirely.

Frankly, I wanted to see the play because of its connection with early phonograph records - a connection which is seldom mentioned. That is surprising, because it makes "The Old Homestead" not just any 19th century play, but a very special one, particularly to those who collect old records.

The play is a four-act comedy about a small town farmer and his encounters with city folk, on the farm and on an excursion to New York. Kindly old Josh Whitcomb may look like a hayseed, but he is nobody's fool, and his gentle humor provides a nice commentary on the differences between city and country life.

The play was first produced in the 1880s, at which time the understudy to author and leading man Denman Thompson - who was raised in Swanzey - was a young vaudevillian named Cal Stewart. When the new fangled phonograph became popular during the 1890s, Stewart began to pick up some extra money doing rural comedy sketches on record and on the early cylinders. His principal character was based directly on Joshua Whitcomb and his exploits. Stewart called him "Uncle Josh," and made an excellent living off him for the rest of his life. (He died in 1919). Even today Uncle Josh records, on all labels, will be found wherever there is a box of old 78s from the pre-1920 era.

Because Stewart was the principal recorded comedian of the early 1900s, and the leading exponent of rural humor of that day, modern-day collectors and folklorists have shown renewed interest in him. A North Carolina clergyman named John A. Petty has written several articles about him, and an Ohio newspaperman named Randy McNutt has written a book called Cal Stewart -- Your Uncle Josh, which is as much about the Uncle Josh character, his origins and development as about Stewart, about whom little is known. (The book, a limited edition, is available from Weathervane Books, P. O. Box 455, Fairfield, Ohio 45015, for \$9.50 post-paid.)

Nor was Stewart the only original cast member on record. The Old Homestead Double Quartet made records for Victor in 1904, and counter-tenor Richard Jose, who was in the cast for several seasons, had a very successful career as a recording artist in the early 1900s.

All of this began in Swanzey, the home of the playwright Denman Thompson and the setting for "The Old Homestead."

How was the play? Delightful, even if you'd never heard of Uncle Josh. The whole town seemed to take part, and the principal actors were rather good, perhaps because the entire production was so natural (there was little sense of modern theatrical artifice about it).

Besides the expected city-country jokes, there was a built-in morality story (beware demon booze!) and music of the period. At one point in the first act the action stops while a double male quartet renders a selection of old chestnuts from the 1800s. Some were familiar, others had probably not been sung since then. The only anachronism I noticed in the whole play was when a young girl sang a few bars of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" - which wasn't written until 1912.

I doubt if "The Old Homestead" would play on Broadway today - those chic New Yorkers might not appreciate being made fun of - but at the right time (a once-a-year summertime event) and the right place (Swanzey's Potash Bowl), it is perfect.

Only one thing bothered me. Throughout the first act, that Saturday night, I kept thinking that Edward Dunham, the actor playing Josh, looked strangely familiar. He was almost too "right" for the part. Then I realized he bore a striking resemblance to...Cal Stewart!


\* \* \*

The above story first appeared in The Keene (N.H.) Sentinel, August 2, 1982, and is reprinted with their permission. Author Tim Brooks adds, "I am curious about one thing...some of the gags in the play were identical to routines on some of the Uncle Josh records (Josh sees a mailman opening a city mailbox, thinks he's a thief, etc.). I wonder if Stewart lifted them from the play or if the producers of the revival lifted them from the records?"

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Swanzey, New Hampshire, is just a few miles south of Keene, located in the southwestern part of the state. The play will be produced this summer on July 13-14-15. For information regarding tickets, etc., send a SASE to Elizabeth Dugan, Homestead Highway, North Swanzey, NH 03431.

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*Distributors to the Talking Machine Trade*

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An advertisement for Cal Stewart's book of Uncle Josh stories from the November, 1903 Edison Phonograph Monthly



# Songs of THE OLD HOMESTEAD



**Denman Thompson**

No. 1. Old Red Cradle.	<i>Gilbert</i>	40.
No. 2. Rock-a-Bye Baby.	<i>Canning</i>	40.
No. 3. Irene Lorraine.	<i>W.A. Keller</i>	40.
No. 4. "Let's make a Little Home for the Old Folks."	<i>Wheeler</i>	40.
No. 5. When Mother puts the Little Ones to Bed.		40.
No. 6. Rock-a-Bye Baby, Waltz.	<i>Fred Field</i>	40.
No. 7. " " " " Galop.		40.
No. 8. " " " " Schottische.	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	40.
No. 9. " " " " Transcription.	<i>Canning</i>	60.
No. 10. " " " " Male Quartette.	<i>Fred Field</i>	40.
No. 11. " " " " Guitar or Banjo.		40.

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The cover for "Songs of The Old Homestead," depicting Denman Thompson in character and as himself. (courtesy of Bill Bryant)

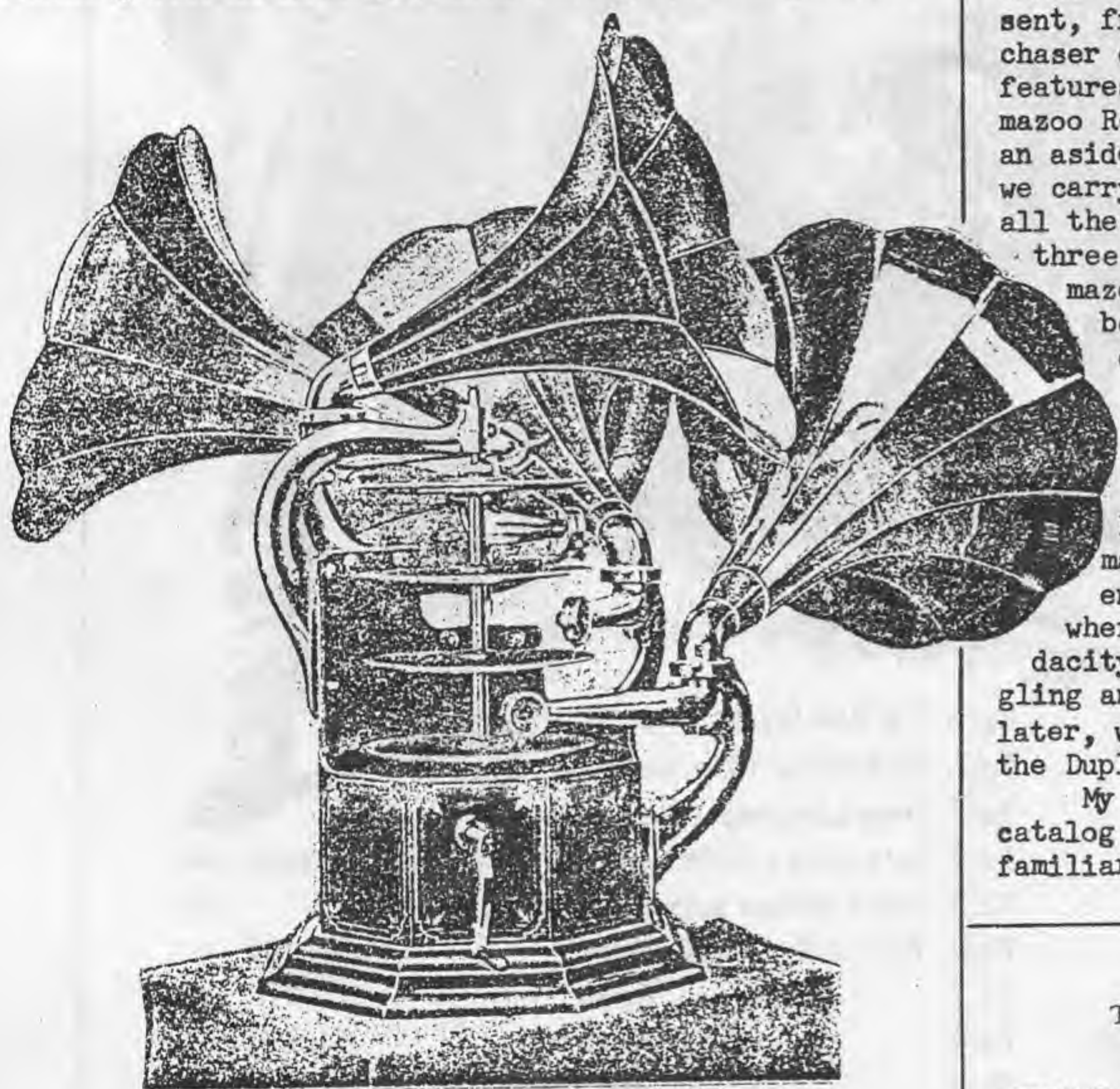


## Phonograph Forum

= The Kalamazoo Duplex =

by George Paul

Around 1906, advertisements began to appear in magazines illustrating a marvelous new phonograph called the Duplex. Talking machines with two horns were hardly a new idea. Edison had marketed a duplex reproducer in 1896; Leon Douglass and the Chicago Talking Machine Co. had offered Polyphone attachments in 1898, and even a disc talking machine with two horns, the "Wonder", had appeared in the same year. None of these machines proved to be a success. Indeed, this multiple-horned mania was pursued to the point of absurdity in the \$1,000 Columbia Multiplex Grand of 1900 with three horns, as well as the Victor Triplephone and the Quadruple Disc Graphophone in 1904. Enough was enough - surely no one in his right mind would attempt to market another multiple-horned mutant to a public becoming disenchanted with horn phonographs in general?



This four-horned monstrosity was built by Columbia in 1906 for the Milan (Italy) Exposition. (from The Columbia Record of July, 1906)

Nevertheless, seventy-eight years later, though by no means common, Duplex Phonographs exist in sufficient numbers to indicate that its designers had come very close to making a success of a double-horned phonograph in the face of Eldridge Johnson's Victrola.

How did this occur? What kept the Duplex from the fate suffered by its predecessors? The answer was a combination of features, which, when judged as a whole, presented a very convincing and attractive package.

First, of course, were the twin horns. These were

30 inches long with 17-inch brass bells. (From edge to edge, the twin horn bells measure approximately one yard across!) The black bodies of the horns were covered with silk. The horns each terminated at a metal elbow which was actually part of the reproducer housing. Inside were two separate diaphragms connected to a single stylus bar.

The next visual impression one experiences upon seeing the machine is the immense cabinet. Measuring 18" x 14" x 10" and decorated on all four sides with colorful "French marquetry" decals, it gives the machine an imposing appearance. During its lifetime, the machine underwent minor changes, including the addition of a mechanical feed device to counteract Victor's claim of patent infringement.

If the potential customer wasn't impressed by the appearance of the machine, or its highly-touted scientific principles of acoustic reproduction of sound (note their comparison to hitting a tin pan with a stick in their ad!), there were two more factors to consider. The first was the price: \$29.85. This was less than an Edison "Home" Phonograph, or a Victor II, and \$170.15 less than a Victrola of the period! The final "hook" was a 7-day, all freight paid, no money sent, free trial. What prospective phonograph purchaser of 1906 could resist such a constellation of features? The added enticement of the "famous" Kalamazoo Records was included in the catalog, as well as an aside that "in addition to the Kalamazoo Records, we carry a full and complete stock of disc records of all the leading makes." With each machine was shipped three 10-inch Kalamazoo Records or six 7-inch Kalamazoo Records, though this offer seems to have been terminated sometime during the company's existence.

There are three record-label variations known to the author. These will be discussed in more detail in another section.

The avalanche of mail orders which the Duplex Company was hoping for, of course, never materialized. Even so, the machine must have enjoyed at least marginal success in the Midwest, where its principle offices were located. The audacity demonstrated by that small company, struggling among phonographic giants, has left us, years later, with traces of a dream; and in all probability, the Duplex deserved better.

My thanks to M. S. Kaplan for loan of his Duplex catalog and access to two Kalamazoo Record labels unfamiliar to me.

## The Reproducer

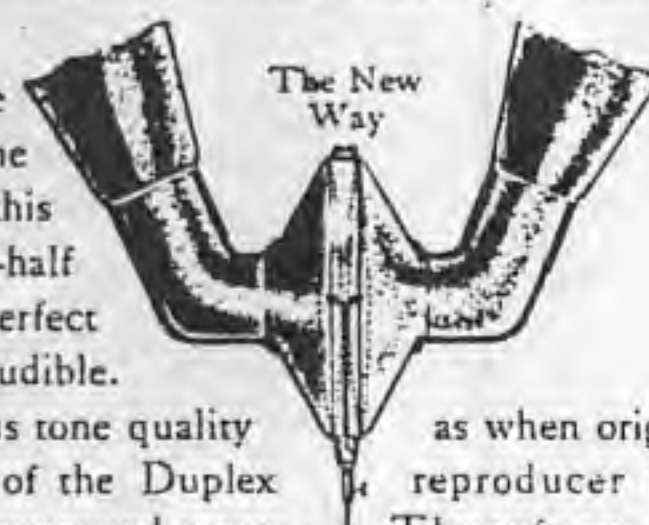
The Duplex is the only reproducer on earth which has no springs whatever in its construction

TIME, money, energy and inventive genius have been spent on the reproducer of the Duplex and we claim to have solved in the Duplex reproducer, all the difficulties of this vexing problem. Our reproducer is entirely different from that of any other machine, in that it has two vibrating diaphragms (see cut on this page).

The vibrations or music from both sides of both diaphragms are amplified and multiplied passing out through two horns at the same instant of time. Thus, the Duplex gets all of the music, due to this peculiar construction of our reproducer, while in other makes one-half of the tone is lost. The result is not only greater volume but perfect reproduction of soft tones, that on other machines are scarcely audible.

These are reproduced by the Duplex in the same sweet, melodious tone quality as when originally played or sung by the artists themselves. The principle of the Duplex reproducer is simple. Both sides of the vibrating diaphragm produce the same sound waves. Therefore, a horn placed on only one side will catch only one-half the vibrations or music and amplify them. If the horn were placed on the other side it would gather the other half of the music and amplify it at the same time. We placed horns on both sides with the result that greater volume and better music is reproduced.

We want you to understand this clearly, because this is the basic principle of our patent, under which the Duplex Phonograph is manufactured, and which prevents our competitors from adopting our style of reproducer.



A page from the Duplex catalog, explaining the principle of the Duplex reproducer.



Let Us Send You this  
Two-Horn  
**DUPLEX**  
Phonograph  
On Trial

Direct  
from our  
Factory  
to your  
own Home



**An Entirely New Principle  
in Phonographs**

- Two vibrating diaphragms to reproduce the sound.
  - Two horns to amplify and multiply all the sound from **both** sides of **both** diaphragms.
  - No tension spring and no swing arm to cause harsh, discordant, mechanical sounds.
- Consequently, the Duplex produces a sweeter tone and greater volume of music than any other phonograph and is absolutely free from all metallic sounds.

**Double Volume of Sound**

**H**ERE is the explanation of the Duplex principle: When you hit a tin pan with a stick, which **side** of the tin pan gives forth the noise? Why, both sides, of course.

If you collect the waves from **one** side of the vibrating pan, you get only **half** the noise. That's plain, isn't it?

Well, the same thing holds true of the diaphragm of a phonograph.

In every talking machine made heretofore, one-half of the sound waves were **wasted**. You got just one-half the sound that the diaphragm made—the rest was lost.

The **Duplex** is the first and the only phonograph to collect the vibrations and get **all** the sound from **both** sides of the diaphragm.

Because the reproducer or sound box of the Duplex has **two** vibrating diaphragms and **two** horns (as you see) to amplify the sound from **both** sides of **both** diaphragms.

The **Duplex**, therefore, gives you **all** the music produced—with any other you lose one-half.

Compare the volume of sound produced by it with the volume of **any** other—no matter what its price—and hear for yourself.

**Purer, Sweeter Tone**

**B**UT that is not all, by any means. For the Duplex Phonograph not only produces **more music**—a greater volume—but the tone is clearer, sweeter, purer and more nearly like the original than is produced by any other mechanical means.

By using **two** diaphragms in the Duplex we are able to dispense **entirely** with **all** springs in the reproducer.

The tension spring used in the old style reproducers to jerk the diaphragm back into position each time it vibrates, by its jerking pull **roughens** the fine wave groove in the record, and that causes the **squeaking**, squawking, harsh, metallic sound that sets your teeth on edge when you hear the old style phonograph.

In the Duplex the wave grooves of the record remain perfectly smooth—there is nothing to roughen them—and the result is an **exact reproduction** of the original sound.

As a special guarantee against the presence of harshness resulting from vibration, the points of contact between the horns and reproducer are protected by rubber,—an exclusive feature of the Duplex Phonograph.

**Direct From the Factory**

**W**E ask the privilege of **proving** to you that the Duplex gives a double volume of music, of purer, sweeter tone than any other phonograph made.

We want to prove it at our expense. We ask you to let us send you one **at our expense**—under an arrangement mutually satisfactory—for use in your home one week.

Invite your neighbors and musical friends to hear it, and if they do not pronounce it better—in volume and in tone—than the **best** old style phonograph, return it at once at our expense. That's a fair offer, but it isn't all.

We save you in the price exactly \$70.15—because we save you all the jobbers', middlemen's and dealers' profits. We sell it to you at actual factory price.

Sold through dealers the Duplex would cost you at least \$100—and it would be a bargain at that. Bought direct from our factory it costs you (one profit added) only

**\$29.85**

And you get a seven days' trial in your own home—and are under no obligation to keep it if you are not satisfied. You run no risk, for this advertisement could not appear in this magazine if we did not carry out our promises.

**Music In Your Home**

**T**HINK what a Duplex Phonograph will mean to you! The variety of entertainment you can command at trifling expense is practically unlimited.

You can enjoy a delightful selection of songs, poems, piano, banjo, guitar, or violin music, short stories, anecdotes or dialect pieces, all reproduced by the marvelous two horned Duplex with the faultless fidelity of an instantaneous photograph.

You can bring to your family and friends, in all their original beauty, the priceless gems of musical art, the classic performances of famous Artists like Paderewski, D'Albert, Raoul Pugno, and Jan Kubelik.

Or, you can listen, entranced, to the magic notes of melody fresh from the throat of a Patti, Melba, or Calve, and the great dramatic tenors, Caruso and Tamagno.

And, best of all, you can hear once more, the voice of dear old Joe Jefferson as, with matchless pathos he delivers the lines of Rip Van Winkle so familiar to a former generation.

For just before his death, this greatest and best loved of American actors left a perfect record, which, reproduced by the Duplex Phonograph, will preserve his living tones for the admiration and delight of thousands yet unborn.

Write today for catalog and full particulars of our **FREE** trial offer. You will never regret it. Please address

**The Duplex Phonograph Co.,**

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## **THE TALKING MACHINE WORLD.**

A brief history of the Duplex Company, as seen in the pages of The Talking Machine World, courtesy of Bill Bryant. Readers will appreciate the fact that Bill obtained these copies from microfilm which was not always co-operative in producing clear prints.

A few items worth commenting on. It is indeed surprising, as Mr. Eager points out in the February, 1907 article, that Victor brought suit against Duplex, considering that they were a distributor of Victor records. Also, the April, 1907 item which describes the closing of the Duplex plant does not indicate the end of the company. Apparently the factory did resume operations, as Duplex was in business well into 1908.

January 15, 1906

### **MAY LOCATE IN KALAMAZOO.**

**Duplex Phonographs the Invention of Chas. E. Hill, of Lincoln, Neb., Will Probably be Manufactured in That City.**

(Special to the Talking Machine World.)

Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 8, 1906.

It is now practically assured that another industry will soon be added to Kalamazoo's list of manufacturing concerns. The new institution will make phonographs, or talking machines, and already those interested in the enterprise are advertising the fact the machines are made in this city, for in the ads published appears the catch phrase, "Made for you in Kalamazoo."

The head man of this concern is Charles E. Hill of Lincoln, Neb., and several times during the past month he has been before the Commercial Club of this city and succeeded in interesting many local business men in his appliance, which is a duplex phonograph. At present the Kalamazoo Novelty Co. has the contract to make a number of the machines, but it is the intention of the promoters to erect a factory here for the purpose of manufacture. Plans have been perfected for an aggressive advertising campaign, and the machines will be sold on the mail order plan.

While Mr. Hill was in Kalamazoo he received a very favorable impression of the city and many courtesies were extended to him by members of the Commercial Club.

June 15, 1906

### **DUPLEX CO. IN KALAMAZOO.**

**Purchase Two and One-Half Acres of Land and Will Erect Factory and Make Their Own Specialties in Future at This Point.**

(Special to The Talking Machine World.)

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 5, 1906.

The Duplex Phonograph Co., a manufacturing concern, have completed arrangements to erect

a factory in this city and make their goods here. F. D. Eager, secretary and general manager of the company, has come to Kalamazoo from Lincoln, Neb., and expects to make this city his home in the future.

He announces that his company has purchased two and a half acres of land on East Paterson street, near the Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw railroad, and will erect thereon a factory building 120 by 60 feet in dimensions, two stories, and that they will give employment at the start to about 125 hands.

For some time this same concern have been advertising their goods extensively under the caption, "Made for you in Kalamazoo," and the product, which is a double-horn phonograph, has been made by the Kalamazoo Novelty Co. of this city. That was not altogether satisfactory, and the company decided to build their own factory and grow.

February 15, 1907

### **VICTOR CO. SUES DUPLEX CO.**

**Of Kalamazoo, Mich., for Infringement of the Berliner Patent.**

(Special to The Talking Machine World.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 11, 1907.

On the 5th inst. papers were filed in the United States Circuit Court, sitting here, by the Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J., against the Duplex Phonograph Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., charging them with an infringement of the Berliner patent. The Duplex Co. have been advertising a double-horn machine in the magazines direct to the public, and advising the consumer to buy direct from them and thus save "50 per cent. of the dealer's profit." This suit has been expected to be instituted for some time.

When F. D. Eager, secretary and general manager of the Duplex Phonograph Co., was asked for a statement of the case at issue, he said: "While we made talking machines, we manufacture no records, having contracts with the Victor Talking Machine Co., Columbia Phonograph Co., and International Record Co. for all records needed; in fact, for any of the supplies they make. The reproducer for



our machine is made under patent No. 773,740, held and owned exclusively by us, and we do not in any way conflict with the other competitors in the field. I am a little surprised at the suit being brought."

March 15, 1907

The Victor Talking Machine Co. have filed suit in the United States Circuit Court at Grand Rapids, Mich., against the Duplex Phonograph Co., Kalamazoo, charging them with infringement of the Berliner patent. Judge Knapper had set February 26 as the day when the defendants should show cause why a temporary injunction should not issue.

April 15, 1907

### DUPLEX PHONOGRAPH CO.'S PLANT CLOSED.

The plant of the Duplex Phonograph Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., was closed on April 2, and all employees laid off in obedience to the injunction issued in favor of the Victor Co. by the Federal Court forbidding the former concern to manufacture machines pending the decision of the court in the suit of the Victor Co. for alleged infringement of patent.

Colonel F. D. Eager, manager of the Duplex Phonograph Co., informed the employees that while the shutdown would be of indefinite duration; should the suit go in favor of the Duplex Company operations would be resumed upon a much larger scale than heretofore.

February 15, 1908

### VICTOR CO. BRING ANOTHER SUIT

Against the Duplex Phonograph Co. of Kalamazoo on the Conn Patent.

A second suit was filed by the Victor Co., against the Duplex Phonograph Co., of Kalamazoo, in January, 1908, in the United States Circuit Court at Grand Rapids, Mich., and was based on the Conn patent No. 624,301, May 2, 1899, the entire interest in which is now owned by the Victor Talking Machine Co. This patent covers the so-called Duplex feature, or in other words, the double horns connected with and carrying at their smaller ends the sound box. The suit is in Equity No. 1644.

September 15, 1908

A case now in the hands of the United States Circuit Court, Western District of Michigan, namely, the Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J., against the Duplex Phonograph Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., once again deals with the famous Berliner patent. Argument was heard in June, and the elaborate briefs and voluminous record makes a formidable presentation of a suit involving many intricate points vastly interesting to those who have followed the litigation in which this basic invention has been attacked. A decision was looked for early last month, and now it may be expected any day.



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**THE \$29.85 DUPLEX**

An especially attractive Duplex  
ad of uncertain date and origin.



## Kalamazoo Discs

by John A. Petty

Those just after the turn of the century, mothered by major companies, and extremely seldom found single faced Kalamazoo discs have intrigued me for years. Seldom do they appear on record lists and I've found precious few hiding in collectors' stacks. However, on the assumption that there must be some out there somewhere, I would like to put out an appeal for data from these discs.

My interest was first ignited when I found Kalamazoo no. 7124 "When the Circus Comes Around." The label has no artist credit and I bought it because it looked unusual. When I later discovered that it is a Cal Stewart issue, I was most delighted. Through the years, I have seen about a dozen others, but did not preserve data from them, except one that I taped in Spencer, Oklahoma--no. 031287 (an "American" pressing) "Stradella Overture" by the American Symphony Orchestra. The Kalamazoo catalog number of this record is 6449K, but this number does not appear on the label. My interest was further kindled when I received a partial list of Uncle Josh Kalamazoo discs in response to my pleas for discographical data on Cal Stewart issues, and it really roared into an inferno when Cecil Dancer of San Jose, California sent me a photo copy of his Duplex record catalog.

The catalog is about 3 by 6 inches, has fifty pages and nearly 2,000 record listings. The front cover shows the double horned Duplex Phonograph which would be shipped anywhere in the United States from the factory in Kalamazoo, Michigan for \$29.85. Pages one and two contain general information about the catalog, records and order procedures. The discs are listed with four suffix letters--C, V, A and K. These letters indicate that the discs are Columbia, Victor, American or Kalamazoo discs. The Kalamazoo records, which are all ten inch size, were 50¢, with some selections 43¢; Columbia, Victor and American discs were 60¢, with twelve inch size \$1.00 each. If you wished to buy Kalamazoo 50¢ discs in quantity, four dozen were offered express paid and guaranteed safe delivery for \$22.00; 100 or more could be had for 44¢ each, or 37¢ each for the cheaper types.

Victor Red Seals and Columbia Grand Opera Records were available at their current prices (\$1.00 to \$5.00), while one group of fourteen inch Columbia Orchestra records retailed for \$1.50 each.

The records are listed in alphabetical order by categories such as band, banjo solos, humorous talking records, etc., and then the whole catalog is in numerical sequence beginning with 6001C ("Al Fresco") and ending with 7845V (A Victor Red Seal by Josef Hollman). Twelve inch discs are mixed in with the ten inch by the alphabetical arrangement.

The record listings end on page 44 and various accessories are on the next few pages--record cases, a wood needle box, metal polish, horn covers and oil. The last three pages are testimonials from satisfied customers throughout the states in large and small towns. One testimonial is from Henry Field of Shenandoah, Iowa:

"The Duplex came this morning and we have set it up and tried it. Like it very much. The tone is splendid. I have been using a Columbia, but like the Duplex much better."

In a later communication Mr. Field says further, "Yes, your machine is alright. We have run it nearly every evening and have the whole neighborhood stirred up. In the country as we are, the evenings are still

and the machine carries easily half a mile or more. It certainly brings out the tones. I find lots of things in my old records that I never heard before."

An editorial note states that the writer is the well known seedsman.

Any collectors with one or more Kalamazoo discs are asked to send data--all printed, embossed or impressed numbers, letters, etc.--to John A. Petty, Route 1, Box 54-A, Catawba, NC 28609. I can't offer any prizes, but will follow up the responses in the pages of The New Amberola Graphic. A photo copy of each type Kalamazoo label will be most helpful. If you have any questions concerning listings, etc., in the Duplex catalog, I will be happy to answer your individual questions.

### Kalamazoo Records

A brief listing of known records  
compiled by W. R. Bryant

**1. "International" Kalamazoos.** These were pressed by The International Record Company (Excelsior, Vim, Clico, etc.). While all of the following were issued as Internationals in 1906, it is interesting to note that almost half of them did not appear in the Kalamazoo catalogue! All known examples bear International catalogue numbers, but for purposes of cross-reference, the number shown in the Kalamazoo catalogue is shown in parentheses.

- 307 - Metropolitan Band, G. Peluso, dir: March Comique (6139)
- 308 - Same: La Barcarolle Waltz (6116)
- 309 - Same: A Little Boy Called Taps, Medley March
- 314 - Same: Alexander, Medley Two Step
- 334 - Same: Yankee Girl, with Fife and Drum, March
- 349 - Same: La Banda Rosa, March (6115)
- 606 - Peluso's Orchestra: My Old Kentucky Home, with cornet solo (6405)
- 616 - Same: The Corncracker Dance (6307)
- 648 - Same: Silverheels (6437)
- 2165 - Collins & Harlan: Hey, Mr. Joshua // (6074)
- 3009 - Metropolitan Band: The Flag of Victory March
- 3045 - John Dolan, cornet solo, acc. orch: Fantasia of Irish Airs

**2. "American" Kalamazoos.** These were pressed by the American Record Co., makers of the blue American or "Indian" records, and are the least common of the three types. The 10" presumably appears in the catalogue as 6449, while none of the 7" series is listed.

- 46 - Baritone & Tenor (identified by Cecil Dancer as Collins & Harlan): Down Where the Sweet Potatoes Grow (7" American issued in 1905)
- 031287 - American Symphony Orchestra: Stradella Overture (10", early 1906)

**3. "Columbia" Kalamazoos.** This series was pressed by The American Graphophone Co, and is the only series known to bear the Kalamazoo catalogue numbers. This time, the original Columbia number is shown in parentheses for cross-reference.

- 6009 - Band (Banda Espanola): The Angelic Schottische (5461)
- 6010 - Band (Columbia): Anvil Chorus (84)
- 6078 - Same: Forge in the Forest (479)
- 6235 - Same: Under the Double Eagle (630)
- 6761 - Tenor Solo (Henry Burr): Come Unto Me (3062)



- 6775 - Tenor Solo (Billy Murray): Good Bye, Sis (3064)  
 6798 - Tenor Solo (Henry Burr): In a Hammock Built  
 for Two (3395)  
 6866 - Tenor Solo (Henry Burr): When I Hold Your Hand  
 in Mine (1525) //(44)  
 6956 - Baritone Solo (J. W. Myers): Home Sweet Home  
 6964 - Baritone Solo (Frank C. Stanley): In Dear Old  
 Georgia (3256) //(3393)  
 6988 - Baritone Solo (Frank C. Stanley): Moon Dear  
 7030 - Baritone Solo (George Alexander): Star Span-  
 gled Banner (3285)  
 7124 - Comic Song (Cal Stewart): When the Circus  
 Comes Around (3046)  
 7153 - Vocal Duet (Alfred Ely & Mabel Dufour): Calm  
 As the Night (3192)  
 7351 - Humorous Talking (Emma Forbes & Steve Porter):  
 Mrs. Hiram Offen Engaging Bridget O'Sullivan  
 (3375)  
 7846 - Bell Solo (Harry A. Yerkes): Simplicity - In-  
 termezzo (3361) (Note: 7846 is one number  
 higher than the last record appearing in the  
 Kalamazoo catalogue)

### That Maddening Duplex Catalogue

by Martin Bryan

To anyone interested in doing research on the early disc records, the Duplex catalogue described in John Petty's article offers the collector what is undoubtedly the most frustrating and confusing accumulation of record listings ever assembled! While the catalogue does identify the various record labels, true catalogue numbers are replaced by an arbitrary numbering system which, as John says, begins at 6000 with the first record and ends at 7845 with the last title in the "Grand Opera" section. The only numbering which is known to agree with the records is found with the Columbia-pressed Kalamazoo. These peach-colored records bear the same numbers found in the catalogue, minus the "K" suffix. Since the company was dealing with several different suppliers and labels, it undoubtedly chose this numbering system to avoid errors in ordering. After all, the number 616, for example, could indicate an original Columbia number, a Victor number, or even an "International" Kalamazoo.

The catalogue usually avoids duplication of titles, but in some cases the buyer did have a choice of brands as well as artists and prices. "The Heart Bow'd Down" could be had on a 43¢ Kalamazoo by Alan Turner or by Frank C. Stanley on a 60¢ Columbia. An interesting comparison could have been made between Campanari's Victor and Columbia versions of the "Toreador Song." And in one rare exception, the "Blue Danube Waltz" was offered in seven versions: a 43¢ Kalamazoo (band), a 50¢ Kalamazoo (band), a 60¢ Victor (band), a 12" \$1.00 Victor (band), a 60¢ Columbia (orchestra), another 12" \$1.00 Victor (orchestra) and even a 14" Columbia (orchestra) at \$1.50!

At first study, the catalogue appears to be easy to decode. Of course, the V, C and A suffixes are simple to understand. That leaves the "K" series of Kalamazoo records. It seems clear that the 43¢ variety came from International. But what about the 50¢ series? Since all the Columbia-pressed Kalamazoos in Bill's listing match up with 50¢ Kalamazoos in the catalogue, I assumed that all "fifty-centers" in the catalogue were of that type. Unfortunately, nothing can be assumed, as it is now known that some of these were pressed from American masters!

A sample selection from the catalogue looks like this (unfortunately, the photocopy we have is too faint to reproduce):

### Orchestra Selections:

6301K	Chicken Charlie	.50
6302V	Chicken Chowder	.60
6303C	Chinese Honeymoon	.60
6304C	Circus Galop	.60
6305K	College Days	.50
6306K	Come Along, Little Girl	.43
6307K	Corncracker Dance, The	.43
6308C	Creole Belles	.60
6309C	Cumming's Indian Congress at Coney Island	.60
6310V	Dance of the Hours—12 inch	1.00
6311C	Dance of the Song Birds	.60
6312V	Dancing in the Barn	.60
6313C	Dancing in the Kitchen	.60
6314K	Dancing on the Housetops	.50
6315C	Dancing on the Housetops	.60

Nos. 6306 and 6307 are pressed from International masters, but 6301, 6305 and 6314 could be from either Columbia or American. (Since they already list a Columbia version of "Dancing on the Housetops," it seems likely that the Kalamazoo version is from American.)

In trying to put a date on the catalogue, I checked Columbia listings against Columbia release dates, and found that the last Columbias listed in the Duplex catalogue were issued in July, 1906. Therefore, it would be safe to assume the catalogue dates from August or September of that year.

I should note that only a handful of Americans are listed, and none of them are the 7" type. These are the blue shellac discs with the beautiful full-color label depicting an Indian seated on a blanket, smoking a pipe, while listening to an open horn machine. Scattered about him are blue American records. Surely it ranks among the most imaginative of U.S. record labels. Incidentally, in Europe these were issued as American Odeon Records. Perhaps an earlier Duplex catalogue listed more of them, as well as the missing International Kalamazoos found in Bill's listing but not in the catalogue. (While some of the International numbers, such as 2165 and 3045 may have appeared in a later edition, it appears that 309, 314 and 334 had already been dropped.)

Consideration of an earlier catalogue brings the first of many questions to mind: did Duplex renumber its entire listing each time it printed a catalogue? Since there are no numbering gaps for "A Little Boy Called Taps Medley" or "Alexander Medley," we might assume this was the case. However, it seems more likely that their renumbering scheme was begun with this catalogue, and that subsequent issues picked up where this one left off. Too much confusion would have resulted if a new series of ordering numbers appeared with each new catalogue.

What was the point of having some Columbias appear as Columbias (at 60¢), while others appeared as Kalamazoos at 10¢ less? Same with 60¢ Americans and 50¢ Kalamazoos from American masters? Did some American Kalamazoo titles get replaced with Columbia masters with no change in numbers? And how did they decide which titles got put on the "house" label? Also, how did they decide which name brand version (Victor, Columbia, American) of a popular song to stock? Many of them were available on all three labels, but the catalogue invariably lists just one.

One final observation and query. Bill's last Columbia-derived Kalamazoo (7846, "Simplicity" by Har-  
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## Kalamazoo Records

### Label Styles

Three distinct styles are known to exist on Kalamazoo Records. There could be others, depending on the source and period of production.

The first we illustrate appears on Columbia pressings. The label stock is a light peach color with all printing in black. In all their literature, advertisements, record labels, etc., this is the only time we have seen the Duplex machine facing the left!



The second label type appears on International pressings, but due to the gold printing on red background, we were unable to have a decent reproduction of it made. The label is entirely different from the Columbia version, having a large red arc covering a bit over the top half. Over this appears KALAMAZOO RECORD in large gold letters. A machine is depicted above the center hole; company information appears in a two-line arc at the bottom. Label stock is white, while title and artist information is in black.

The third label type comes from Cecil Dancer on his 7" American pressing. The color combination was not mentioned.



## Duplex Phonograph Company: A Company on the Move!

In drawing together limited resources for this series of articles on the Duplex Co., we discovered an intriguing fact: in five separate magazine advertisements, Duplex showed five different Kalamazoo addresses! While we are unable to put them in chronological order, they are as follows:

106 Patterson Street  
107 Patterson Street  
173 Patterson Street  
295 Patterson Street  
716 River Street

Can anyone add to this list?

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ry A. Yerkes) is not in the catalogue. Since this is just one number higher than appears in the catalogue, it would seem that Duplex did continue numbering where they left off, and that this was the first title to be added to the list. What I find puzzling, though, is the fact that in our catalogue "Simplicity" is listed as a 60¢ Columbia. In other words, Duplex began replacing Columbias with the same thing on the cheaper Kalamazoo label. Did they do this just to make researchers 76 years later even more confused??

This series on the Duplex Phonograph and Kalamazoo Records was made possible with the assistance and contributions of:

Bill Bryant  
Cecil Dancer  
Barry Lee Johnson  
George Paul  
John Petty  
Steve Ramm

You can bring to your home in *all* their original intensity and beauty the greatest efforts of the master-singers and musicians—the productions of Paderewski, D'Albert, Jean Kubelik — the voices of Caruso, Eames, Sembrich, Plancon, Campanari, Melba, Calvé, *all* the famous artists of the world.

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**The Duplex Phonograph Co.**

173 Patterson St., Kalamazoo, Mich.



## harry m. snodgrass

Quite a bit of interest was generated with the photo and article about Harry Snodgrass in our last issue. A few readers pointed out that we missed one of his Brunswick records:

3239 - Along Miami Shore (circa mid-1926)  
Maple Leaf Rag

Snodgrass was identified as the composer of "Along Miami Shore"; apparently he had a flair for writing waltzes. Jim Constantian reports that both sides are introduced by announcer J. M. Witten who, on the second side, says, "Harry will play 'The Maple Leaf Rag,' and I might add that he puts plenty of English on it."

Bob Gordon, who supplied the photo we used, says that Snodgrass did indeed broadcast while still a prisoner at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Mike Biel adds, "Ten years ago when I lived in Columbia, Missouri, 30 miles away from Jeffersonton City, someone called up KFRU's call-in show about the value of one of the records, and several old timers called in with their remembrances of Snodgrass. One of them mentioned that the warden had gotten upset that he had become so famous. 'That's the last time I let one of my prisoners get famous,' he said. I later heard from someone that Snodgrass's ten talented fingers had first come to the attention of the authorities thru the medium of check forgery. He would change some of the numbers on his paychecks from nightclubs, etc... The station was owned by the state. I believe they reversed the old 'captive audience' routine by using captive performers on a regular basis. The station was not full time and shared the frequency with other stations."

Don Peak manages to win the prize for supplying the most information about Harry Snodgrass. By a strange co-incidence, Don had done some research through the pages of Billboard a few years ago to aid a Canadian collector. He very generously shared his findings with us.

Space will not permit complete reprinting of the Billboard articles, and there is much repetition anyway. However, we are condensing the material and including everything important about Snodgrass and his activities. You'll recall that prison records showed he was sentenced for "assault with intent to rob," but note Billboard's hint at a more serious offense. It is also interesting to compare the various reviews of his act, which couldn't have varied much between Terre Haute and Cincinnati.

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January 17, 1925

Radio Pianist Gets Route for Orpheum Time

New York, Jan. 12--Harry Snodgrass, whose term of three years in the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City, to which he was sentenced after being found guilty as an accomplice in a murder, expired yesterday, has been signed by the Orpheum Circuit to make a tour of its theaters.

Snodgrass has become quite popular over the radio during the past year, arrangements at the prison having been made whereby he was permitted to broadcast. He plays the piano by ear.

Snodgrass became so popular thru his broadcasting, it is said, that he received more than 500 telegrams and letters at Christmas, in addition to a number of gifts from radio fans.

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January 24, 1925

Harry M. Snodgrass, "King of the Ivories", popular radio entertainer, has written his first number and the eyes of the popular music world are now directed toward South Bend, Ind., where the first big radio "hit" is being published by the South Bend Music Publishing Co. Howard M. Casteel is the lyricist and his big "hit" is entitled "On the Air", a fox-trot. This number has captivated devotees of popular music wherever it has been played.

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February 7, 1925

Snodgrass Packs 'Em

New York, Feb. 1--Harry Snodgrass...broke all box office records at the Majestic Theater, Springfield, Ill., where he made his debut as a pianist in vaudeville on a tour of the Orpheum Circuit, according to word reaching here.

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February 7, 1925  
Orpheum, St. Louis

Exploitation surely has done wonders for Harry M. Snodgrass. A complete sellout greeted the ex-convict this afternoon, and the advance sale for the week is the biggest in the Orpheum's history.

Snodgrass, styled by J. M. Witten, his manager and formerly broadcasting announcer, as "King of the Ivories" and "America's Most Popular Radio Artiste." Before a special setting, which is programmed as a faithful reproduction of radio station WOS. Snodgrass played the numbers which made him popular with wireless fans. He is a good pianist, but no better than many ivory artistes of today. He received an ovation before and after his selections. He should take advantage of his popularity while it lasts, as his accomplishments are limited. Too, he lacks showmanship, as does his announcer.

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February 14, 1925  
Palace, Chicago

Harry M. Snodgrass...is one of the advertised headliners. The act opens with a drop representing an enormous radio receiving set. A full-stage set depicts the broadcasting room in the Missouri State Capitol. Snodgrass plays several selections, including his interpretation of "Three O'Clock in the Morning," while Witten, seated beside a radio set, helps the illusion by announcing each number. Seventeen minutes.

(The review noted that George Jessel appeared on the same bill. "He talks considerably, much of it a telephone conversation with 'mamma.'" The writer added, "Rather draggy.")

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March 7, 1925

Harry Snodgrass...will record piano solos exclusively for the Brunswick Record Company. The (first) record has been made after the fashion of a radio performance, with the announcer, etc.

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April 15, 1925  
Palace, Chicago

Harry M. Snodgrass and J. M. Mitten (sic), announcer, were a distinct hit and were quite different, in the fact that developed artistry was their feature and they were popular and well received. It is easy to see why they stand at the top of the list in radio broadcasting.

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May 2, 1925

Snodgrass To Tour in Show And Play Fairs During Fall

Chicago, April 27--William V. Slattery announces that Harry M. Snodgrass will open with a regular road show June 14 at the expiration of his contract with the Orpheum Circuit, and will carry several vocal and instrumental radio entertainers. The show will tour the Midwest. In August and September it will play fairs. Mr. Snodgrass will take every advantage of renewing acquaintances with his friends over the big radio stations as soon as his show starts on tour.

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January 23, 1926

Harry Snodgrass Sets House Record in Terre Haute, Ind.

When Harry A. Snodgrass (sic), "King of the Ivories", appeared here for a three-day engagement, all previous house records of the Indiana Theater, a K-A stand, were broken. The box office was closed two hours previous to the opening of the doors at the evening performances.

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February 20, 1926

Keith's, Cincinnati

Harry M. Snodgrass possibly was the biggest disappointment to the capacity audience, an unbilled singer with the act receiving much more applause for the two numbers he sang than Snodgrass himself.

Snodgrass was perhaps the biggest "flop" seen here this season. He may have "knocked them for a goal" over the radio, but when it comes to vaudeville and the art of "putting it over" he has much to learn...Five curtains and a forced bow.

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June 26, 1926

Majestic, Chicago

Harry M. Snodgrass, pianist, pleased very much. "Mighty Lak' a Rose" appeared to be the most popular of his numbers...It is a good act.

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October 30, 1926

Hippodrome, New York

...Snodgrass amused the audience but failed to move anyone to unusual enthusiasm. The act is more of a novelty than entertainment.

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November 6, 1926

Harry M. Snodgrass, making his debut in the East, offers a piano novelty in a radio broadcasting atmosphere, with each of his numbers announced by J. M. Wit-

ten thru a horn, giving the introduction a metallic sound and creating the effect the voice is coming over the radio.

Snodgrass plays the piano well but not impressively. Between the numbers the announcer offers a few gags, most of which are not unusually laugh-provoking.

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=Post Script=

January 28, 1928

Snodgrass in Johnson City

Johnson City, Tenn., Jan. 21--Harry M. Snodgrass, the "King of the Ivories", who disappeared from the public eye shortly after his vaudeville tour about a year ago, is now living in this city with his wife and family. Snodgrass plans to quit theatricals to enter another line of business.

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Many thanks to Don for allowing us to follow Harry Snodgrass through his up and down vaudeville career. We can't help wonder what Harry's new "line of business" was!

#### HERE AND THERE

Dr. L. G. Mendershausen, a recent addition to our list of advertisers, has sent us a sample of the cylinder recordings he is offering on cassette. Dr. Mendershausen sends his customers a catalogue of several hundred titles from which they can choose individual selections to have put on tape.

Ron Dethlefsen informs us that work is underway for the 1911 volume of Wendell Moore's reprint of The Edison Phonograph Monthly. It is hoped that the new volume will be ready for fall. At present, they are planning about 25 additional pages of information for the 1911 edition. Some of the "extras" which will be included are:

- Original catalogue listings of all Grand Opera cylinders (2 & 4 minute) issued through December.
- Phonogram covers for 1911.
- Selected pages from the British edition of EPM.
- Heretofore unpublished personal letters by Thomas Edison himself setting forth his views on what will be issued on Diamond Disc.
- Original patent drawings of experimental Diamond Disc machines from 1910 and 1911.
- Original dealer's bulletin listing the rare Hebrew Special Amberols L through W, which were not completely Hebrew at all!
- Listing of many rejected Diamond Discs 1910-11, together with Edison's personal notes as to why.
- Illustrated end papers depicting Amberol advertising for 1911.
- Patent drawings of the acoustic recorder developed in 1910 for disc recordings.
- Possibly a color plate of all Edison record boxes available in 1911.

It sounds like this will be one of the most interesting volumes of The Edison Phonograph Monthly to date. We urge any of our readers who have not yet "gotten on board" to do so soon! See Wendell's ad in our advertising section for further details. Readers who have printed matter available for inclusion in the 1911 edition are asked to contact Ron Dethlefsen, 3605 Christmas Tree Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93306. It would be advisable to write Ron first before sending anything.



THE GRAMOPHONE AT FOND-DU-LAC

Now Eddie Malone got a swell grammyfone to draw all the trade to his store;  
An' sez he: "Come along for a season of song, which the like ye had niver before."  
Then Dogrib, an' Slave, an' Yellow-knife brave, an' Cree in his dinky canoe,  
Confluated near, to see an' to hear Ed's grammyfone make its dayboo.

Then Ed turned the crank, an' there on the bank they squatted like bumps on a log.  
For acres around there wasn't a sound, not even the howl of a dog.  
When out of the horn there sudden was born such a marvellous elegant tone;  
An' then like a spell on that auddyence fell the voice of its first grammyfone.

"Bad medicine!" cried Old Tom, the One-eyed, an' made for to jump in the lake;  
But no one gave heed to his little stampede, so he guessed he had made a mistake.  
Then Roll-in-the-Mud, a chief of the blood, observed in choice Chippewayan:  
"You've brought us canned beef, an' it's now my belief that this here's a case of 'canned man.'"

Well, though I'm not strong on the Dago in song, that sure got me goin' for fair.  
There was Crusoe an' Scotty, an' Ma'am Shoeman Hank, an' Melber an' Bonchy was there.  
'Twas silver an' gold, an' sweetness untold to hear all them big guineys sing;  
An' thick all around an' inhalin' the sound, them Indians formed in a ring.

So solemn they sat, an' they smoked an' they spat, but their eyes sort o' glistened an' shone;  
Yet niver a word of approvin' occurred till that guy Harry Lauder came on.  
Then hunter of moose, an' squaw an' papoose jest laughed till their stummicks was sore;  
Six times Eddie set back that record an' yet they hollered an' hollered for more.

I'll never forget that frame-up, you bet; them caverns of sunset agleam;  
Them still peaks aglow, them shadders below, an' the lake like a petrified dream;  
The teepees that stood by the edge of the wood; the evenin' star blinkin' alone;  
The peace an' the rest, an' final an' best, the music of Ed's grammyfone.

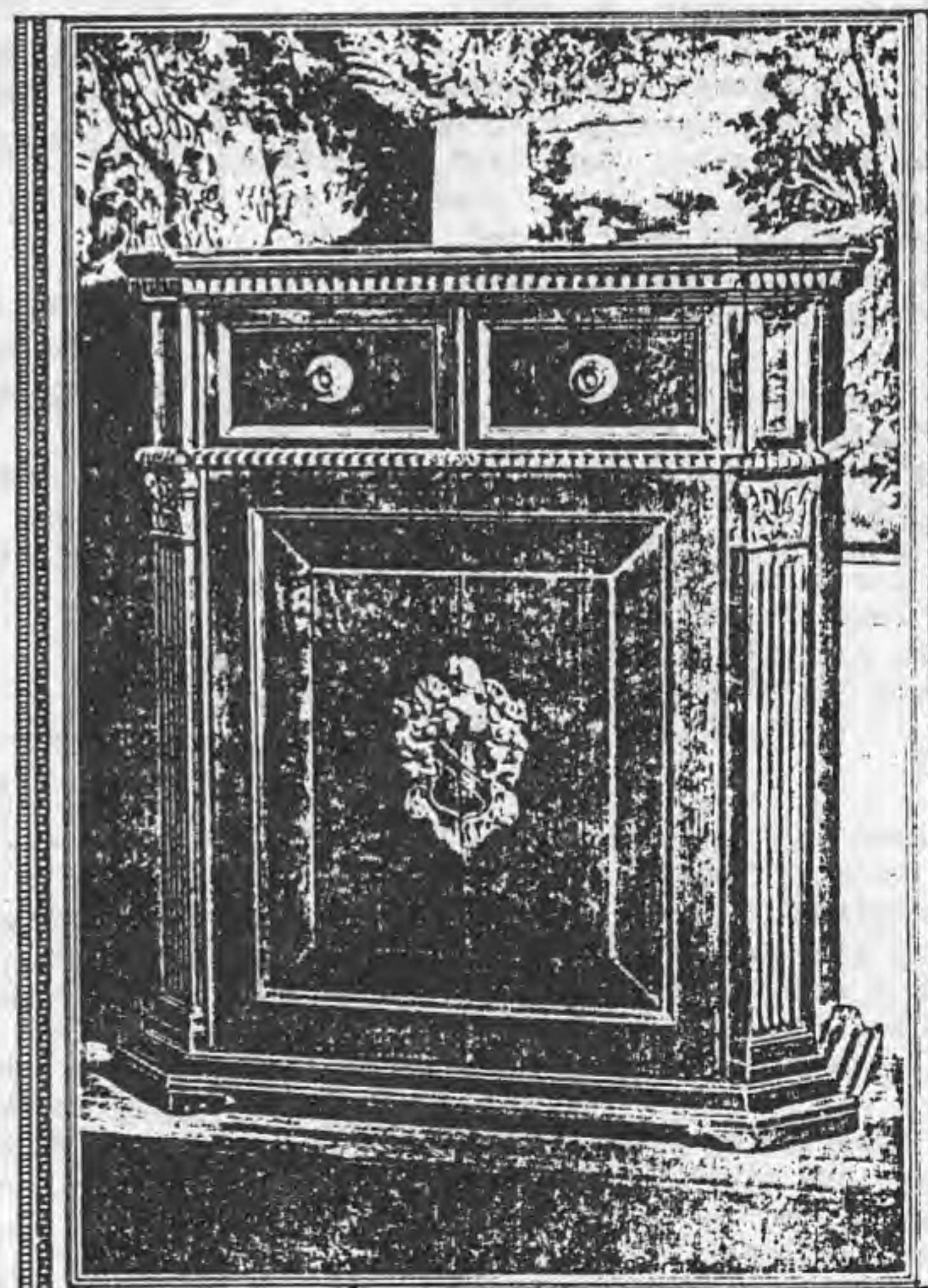
Then sudden an' clear there rang on my ear a song mighty simple an' old;  
Heart-hungry an' high it thrilled to the sky, all about "silver threads in the gold."  
'Twas tender to tears, an' it brung back the years, the mem'ries that hallow an' yearn;  
'Twas home-love an' joy, 'twas the thought of my boy . . . an' right there I vowed I'd return.

Big Four-finger Jack was right at my back, an' I saw with a kind o' surprise,  
He gazed at the lake with a heartful of ache, an' the tears irrigated his eyes.  
An' sez he: "Cuss me, pard! but that there hits me hard; I've a mother does nuthin' but wait.  
"She's turned eighty-three, an' she's only got me, an' I'm scared it'll soon be too late."

On Fond-du-lac's shore I'm hearin' once more that blessed old grammyfone play.  
The summer's all gone, an' I'm still livin' on in the same old haphazardous way.  
Oh, I cut out the booze, an' with muscles an' thews I corralled all the coin to go back;  
But it wasn't to be: he'd a mother, you see, so I—*slipped it to Four-finger Jack.*

-- Robert Service, circa 1913  
(courtesy of Jack Pfeifer)

In our review of George Frow's book on the Edison Disc Phonographs in issue 45, it was mentioned that the wrong machine was used to illustrate the C-1 combination model in credenza cabinet. At the suggestion of one of our readers, Frank F. Davis, we obtained a photograph of the correct model. This was sent to us by the Edison National Historic Site at West Orange, and comes from the pages of an original Edison brochure.



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DIXIE JAZZ BAND - Orion 1046, 1275, 1287, 1313, 1481, 1515, 1582, 1612, 1663, 1690, 1728, 1730, 1768 (and others)  
DORSEY BROTHERS ORCH. - Columbia 2581-D  
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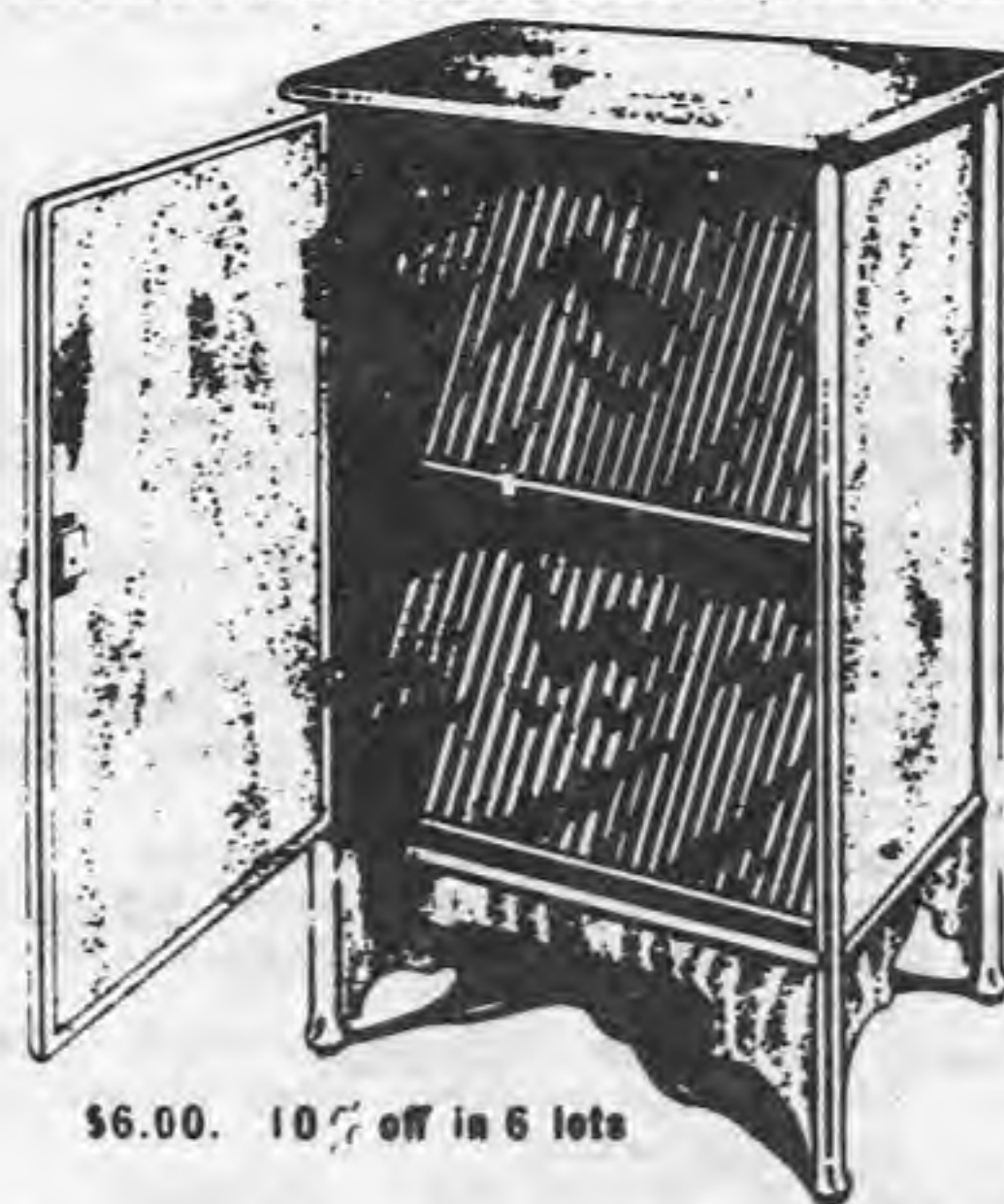


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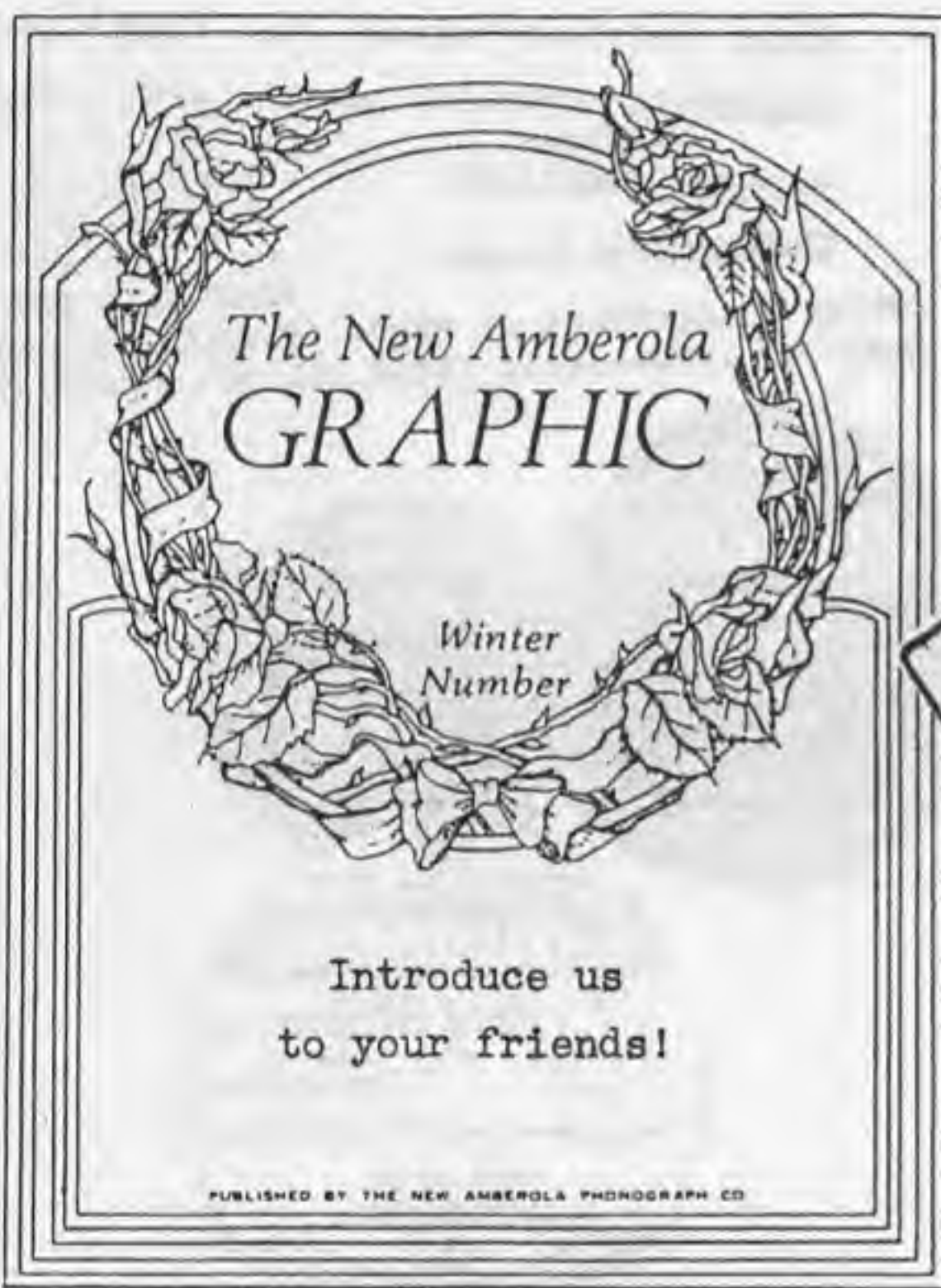
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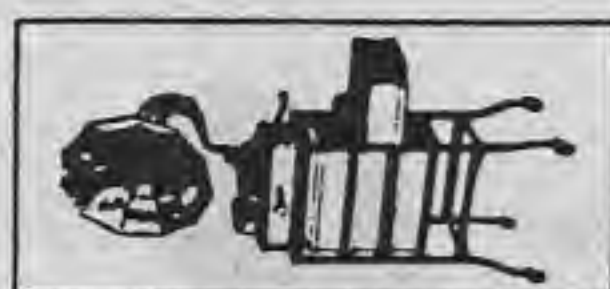
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No. 3 March.	Record list—May A false rumor nailed "Special Hit" records introduced Sophie Tucker, new talent
No. 4 April.	Record list—June Model L replaced by Model M Combination attachment sale, A - K records Amberola testimonials
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No. 7 July.	Record list—September Premium Records D-1 - D-24 Phonograph description chart Parts prices New York City photo—Edison sign
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No. 11 November.	Record list—January Artist photos Edison stock list Change in Idelias Phonograph finish to maroon enamel Music Master Horn a big hit
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